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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**EXPANDING LIGAMENT GRAFT FIXATION SYSTEM AND METHOD**

the specification of which

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\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

X  was filed on September 28, 2001

Application Serial No. 09/966,737

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

In the event that the filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys at Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP, One International Place, Boston, MA 02110-2699, to insert above the filing date and/or Application No. of said application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

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## FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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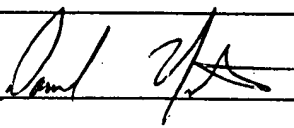
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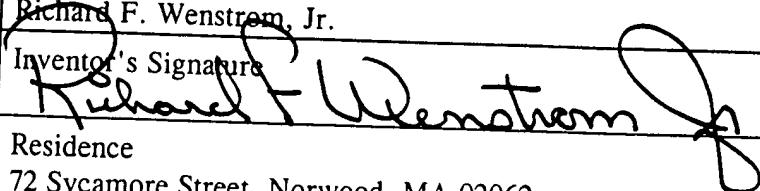
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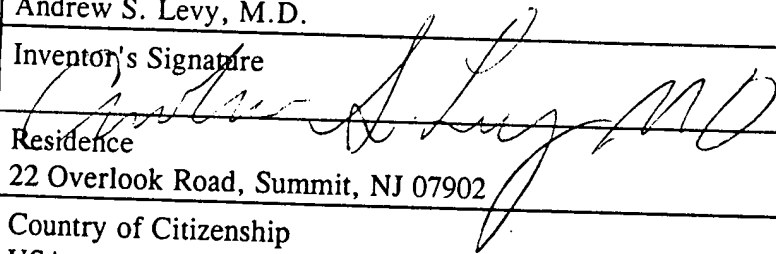
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